



Photo by SrA. Jeff Capenos

Where eagles soar...

Mike Calahan gets propped up by his 3rd Air force teammates, Jeff Shangle #3, Mike Williams and Ryan Martin during a rugby match against the Air Force Academy Saturday. The academy won the game 26-10. The 3rd Air Force Eagle's next match is in the Bury St. Edmunds tournament Saturday.

Red 'awake from dead' to beat Blue in overtime

By Gary Webb
"Jet 48" correspondent

The Red Lancers soccer team came back from a 0 - 3 deficit to top the Blue Lancers 4 - 3 in overtime Saturday at the RAF Lakenheath High School.

John Mudge led the Blue charge, taking a 3 - 0 lead until halfway through the second half. Mudge scored first on a penalty kick when Red was flagged for a hand ball in the 18-yard box. Carlos Correa scored next on another penalty kick as Red was punished for pushing Blue striker John Hopkins out of scoring position. Mudge blasted his second score with 30 minutes left in the second half from close range. Blue played an excellent game but Red scored last.

In the final minutes of the second half, Red came back from the dead to tie the game and force overtime. Their first score came on a cross from Dan Mussleman to mid-fielder Gary Webb. Webb leaped over all-tournament fullback Kristin Bell and headed the ball in from six yards. Then Webb sent a cross into a fur ball in front of the Blue goal and Lee Watson emerged from the pack to score. Ray Arliss tied the game at 3 - 3 from close range on a feed from freshman

Josh Trock to force overtime.

In overtime, Arliss was the only player to score giving Red the win. Arliss scored when the Blue goalie bobbled the ball and Arliss put it away.

The teams were able to play on the high school field thanks to the students in the high school auto-body class who made goals for the teams to use. Before Saturday, all games were played at RAF Feltwell.

High school soccer schedule

Saturday

Alconbury at LHS Blue

April 16

LHS Red at London Central

April 19

Alconbury at LHS Red

LHS Blue at Croughton

April 26

London Cental at LHS Blue

LHS Red at Croughton

April 30

LHS Red at LHS Blue

May 3

LHS Blue at Alconbury

May 7

London Central at LHS Red

May 10

LHS Red at Alconbury

May 16 - 17

U.K. championships

May 22 - 24

European championships

Jets brush by Nottingham Oak Leafs

By John Conroy
Jets coach

The U.S. Air Force Jets hockey team delighted an enthusiastic home crowd Sunday at the Peterborough Ice Rink by defeating the visiting Nottingham Oak Leafs 9 - 7 in arguably the best match of the season.

The Oak Leafs brought in a team stacked with former Premier League players and a former Great Britain national team player, eager to repeat their October victory over the Jets.

"The challenge was laid out for us, the lads rose to the opportunity and played

with discipline and teamwork in beating a talented Nottingham squad," said assistant coach Jeff Barr. "We've practiced diligently all season. I'm proud of how our team responded."

The Jets' Rob Harris led the offensive attack with five goals and two assists. Sean Green had two goals and two assists; Mike Clark had one goal; Mike Blagoue had one goal and one assist; Barr had two assists; and Mike Chinlund, Leo Hainey and John Conroy each had an assist to round out the scoring.

The Jets came out flying. Harris netting his first goal just 42 seconds into the game. The Oak Leafs equalized 21 seconds later only to have Blagoue find the

back of the net 1:20 into the match.

The Jets built a 5 - 1 lead on goals by Clark, Green and Harris, but Nottingham stormed back to make the score 5 - 4 at the end of the first period. Harris and Green combined for three goals in the second period as the Air Force skaters constructed a 8 - 5 advantage.

The Jets continued their disciplined play into the final period and were rewarded with the final 9 - 7 outcome.

The Jets face off against the Sheffield Scimitars, a team from the Northern Bracket of the English First Division Saturday at the Peterborough Ice Arena. Faceoff is at 12:30 p.m. and admission is free. For more information about the Jets, call Ext. 5666.